IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RE APPLICATION OF: Fu et al.

SERIAL NO.: 09/967,238

FILED: September 27. 2001

FOR: METHOD FOR DETERMINING RELATIVE ABUNDANCE OF NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES

EXAMINER: F.W.M. Lu

ART UNIT: 1634

CONFIRMATION NO. 6602

Amendment and Response to Office Action

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed September 23, 2003 in the above-identified application, please amend the application as indicated below. Enclosed herewith are a Petition for a one-month extension of time and a check for the fee of \$55.

No further fees are believed due with this communication. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency in fees herein to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.